



Behavioral Health Planning Council
Meeting Minutes
Aug 13th, 2025
9am-12pm

Present:

- Jennifer Burke, Chair of the BHPC (excused from this meeting)
- Dr. Royleen Ross, BHPC Co-chair
- Jacqueline Nielsen, BHSD, BHPC Member, ASUM Co-Chair
- Cabinet Secretary Josett Monette, IAD
- Natalie Rivera, BHPC Liaison
- Mariah Kennedy, HCA/BHSD, Scribe for meeting, CPSW
- Amy Sandoval, HCA, BHSD Business Operations Manager
- Jaime Campbell, Peer member of BHPC
- Monica Miura, CASC Chair, Community Youth Advocate
- Stacey Keener, CPSW, Advocate for MH
- Lisa Trujillo, Family member
- Karmela Martinez, Operations Manager NM IAD
- Emily Kaltenbach, ALTSD BHPC Member
- Dr. Wendy Price, NM Corrections Department, BHPC Member
- Jeremy Lihte, NM Leaders in Recovery, newly appointed MAC Rep.
- Patrick Beyers-Smith, BHPC Member (excused from this meeting)
- Lisa Howley, BHSD/HCA, BHPC Member
- Alex Dominguez, SF County BH Program Manager
- Dr Sonia Siaz, NM PED
- Julie Hardle
- Rosella Sanchez, NM Crisis and Access
- Sabrina Romero
- Amber Grewal, Pres Health Plan
- Allen Dominguez, CYFD Adolescent Services Manager
- Julia Gallegos, MD
- Dr. Diana Trujillo, CYFD BHS Southern Bureau Chief
- Kristie Brooks, HCA Director of BH transformation and innovation
- Esperanza Lucero, HCA presenter on SB3

- Susie Kimble, BHPC, Mesilla Valley
- Paul Jenkins, ASUM Co-chair
- Athena Huckaby, ASUM Co- Chair
- Cynthia Romero, BHSD/HCA Block Grant Coordinator
- Davina Nez, Substance use Prevention Specialist, Pres
- Trinidad Arguello, BHPC member, newly appointed Provider Rep.
- Julie Sanchez, ALTSD
- Anna Gonzales, BCBS
- Noreen Kelly, BHPC member
- Rosalind Smith, BHSD/HCA
- Charlene Espinoza, Supervisor healthcare Services, Molina Healthcare
- Anna Horner, Bernalillo Health Council
- Cinda Dillahunt, CASC Member
- Sindy Sacoman
- Joe Turk
- Jonathan Jarden
- Ashley Jack
- Christian Pacheco

Land Acknowledgment by Dr. Royleen J. Ross

Approval of Agenda- Stacey Keener motioned to approve the agenda, Trinidad Arguello seconded the motion, the motion passed.

Approval of June 11th Meeting Minutes- Jamie Campbel motioned to approve the June 11th meeting minutes as is, Susie Kimble seconded the motion, the motion passed.

Election/ Nomination Process for the Provider Rep and Mac Rep:

Vote for the Provider Representation Role:

Susie Kimble nominated Trinidad Arguello for the Provider Rep. There were no other nominations, and no one abstained of this nomination.

Trinidad Arguello- shares that she has been a psychiatric nurse and clinical social worker for 49 years. She moved to NM in 1969 and is very familiar with different systems pertaining to Behavioral Health and Substance Misuse. Trinidad has her own Non-profit organization which delivers services to the most underserved communities.

► **Trinidad Arguello has been voted in as the new Provider Representative.**

Vote for Mac Representative Role:

Candidates for the MAC Role:

-Trinidad Arguello

-Jeremy Lihte

Jeremey Lihte- Jeremy has been on the council for a few years now and is a person in long term recovery whose mission since starting in Behavioral Health has been to increase access to care and connecting people to real resources in real time that are affordable and work individually for that person. Jeremy has a company called NM Leader's in Recovery, among many other ventures in the Behavioral Health world including holding 3 different Director positions with different recovery centers. Jeremy's goal with the MAC position would be to advocate for access to care especially with the new changes we are going to be seeing coming down from a federal level.

► **The majority vote for the MAC representative was in favor of Jeremy Lihte.**

SB 3 Update

By Kristie Brooks

The last meeting on SB 3 was on Aug 5th for the Behavioral Health Reform and Investment Act which was the 2nd meeting for this so far working with the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC.)

Since the last update on SB 3, Regions have been adopted and voted on by the Behavioral Health Executive committee and the regions mirror the states judicial district regions. Last week AOC talked about how they are going to start doing the regional meetings- looking at doing some 'Mini Grants' to help the regions to start planning some money that can be allocated out. The grant applications will be going out to City Managers, Tribal leaderships, and City Councils. If anyone has any questions on the Mini Grants, please reach out to Esperanza Lucero.

Last week at the meeting, they also talked a lot about SIM Mapping (Sequential Intercept Mapping) and talked about it being part of the upcoming legislation as a tool that is going to be used for the Regional Planning. You can find a document shared below on '*Key Intercepts in the Enhanced SIM for Youth*' as an example to the SIM Mapping.

The next steps are to look at funding opportunities, how much money are we looking at for this and who the funding will go out to. There was also a presentation from the Legislative Finance Committee at the meeting going over the funding for this. There are a lot of different pockets of money coming into this.

If you were unable to attend the BH Reform meeting at the beginning of August, you can go to the website to find the recording and minutes.

Jackie Nielsen, shares that the Regions need to start meeting and, in order to do that the people in our different communities including those of us on this council, need to be attending the BH Reform meetings.

Key Intercepts in the Enhanced SIM for Youth (shared document) -

Pre Intercept: Early Identification and referral

- **Goal:** Screening, Referral, and presumed eligibility processes to ensure earliest identification of Atypical Development, Developmental Disability, Mental Health and Special Education needs to ensure timely access to early intervention services.

- **Focus:** Clear referral processes and identification tools for parents, pediatricians, Day Care, Preschools, and schools to identify children that are suspected of having a disability.

Intercept 0: Community Services

- **Goal:** Intervene at earliest presentation of behavioral concerns to prevent initial involvement with the justice system and Child Protective Services (CYFD), School Police and SROs
- **Focus:** Access to children's evaluation, developmental services, mental health services, day care, educational supports, after school care, respite and parent system navigation and supports.

Intercept 1: Law Enforcement

- **Goal:** Divert children from arrest or continued Juvenile Justice involvement
- **Focus:** Training for law enforcement on appropriate responses to youth and youth/students with disabilities, emphasizing parent support, school and mental health resources.

Intercept 2: Initial Detention/Court Hearings

- **Goal:** Ensure fair treatment during initial legal processes.
- **Focus:** Advocacy for diversion options that consider the unique needs of children.

Intercept 3: Jails/Courts

- **Goal:** Identification and recognition of mental health needs and Minimizing unnecessary incarceration.
- **Focus:** Support for Children's court, mental health courts and rehabilitation programs tailored for youth.

Intercept 4: Reentry

- **Goal:** Support successful reintegration into the community.
- **Focus:** Providing clear transition planning, providing resources and support for parents, education advocacy and navigational assistance, mentoring and warm hand-off to mental health care post-release.

Intercept 5: Community Corrections

- **Goal:** Maintaining support during probation or parole.
- **Focus:** Connecting youth with mental health and community-based services, mentoring opportunities, educational programming, housing/employment assistance, and community activities to prevent recidivism.

Importance of the integration of a Trauma-Informed Approach throughout every intercept: The Enhanced SIM incorporates trauma-informed practices, recognizing that many children involved in the justice system have experienced significant trauma. This approach aims to create supportive environments that promote healing and reduce the likelihood of reoffending. By focusing on these intercepts and employing trauma-informed strategies, the Enhanced Sequential Intercept Model seeks to improve outcomes for children and youth through out child-serving systems.

Link to SB3 click below:

[SB 3 overview](#)

Next BH Reform Meeting notice and information:

Behavioral Health Reform and Investment Act Executive Committee Meeting
Tuesday, September 30, 2025 | 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
490 Old Santa Fe Trail, Room 322 (Senate Finance Committee Room)
Santa Fe, NM 87505

The New Mexico Health Care Authority and the Administrative Office of the Courts announce the third meeting of the Executive Committee established under the Behavioral Health Reform and Investment Act ([Senate Bill 3](#)). The Committee continues to shape the structure, cadence, and regional implementation of this landmark legislation, bringing together all three branches of government and community stakeholders to transform behavioral health services statewide.

Public participation is encouraged as we work together to build a stronger, more equitable behavioral health system for all New Mexicans.

Join via Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82700436695?pwd=4RJdmpVLppNSSfObtv7IsWeQA6gpNw.1>

Meeting ID: 827 0043 6695

Passcode: 086915

Presentation on the Overdose Fatality Review Panel,

Presentation by Rebecca Walter Program Director with Envive Solutions

Others on the panel from Envive:
Melissa Heinz, MPH Envive Solutions
Maria Weissman, Envive Solutions

What is an Overdose Fatality Review (OFR)?

OFR panels bring together **varied perspectives** to craft **data-driven solutions** that **save lives**.

In an OFR, a multidisciplinary team reviews a series of confidential individual overdose cases to:

- identify system gaps
- recommend targeted strategies to prevent future deaths

*OFR Panel members have a shared “North Star”:
The goal of reducing overdose death.*

Who is creating New Mexico’s OFR?

⇒ New Mexico’s Statewide OFR is being created by the **NM Department of Health**, in collaboration with **ENVIVE Solutions**.

New Mexico OFR Project Timeline: Year 1

- Summer/ Fall 2025: Outreach to key stakeholders, developing infrastructure
- Spring 2026: OFR Trainings for panelists and Mock OFR
- Fall 2026: Establish OFR and begin regularly scheduled meetings

Who is on an OFR?

OFRs have representatives from many agencies and organizations. Panelists may include, but are not limited to:

- Local Health Department
- SUD Treatment Provider
- Local Law Enforcement

- Pharmacist/ Toxicologist
- Child Protective Services
- Medical Examiner
- MOUD Provider
- Probation/Parole Office
- Tribal Elder
- Housing Authority Representative
- Certified Peer Support Worker

OFR Benefits:

S: Shared Understanding

OFRs help members better understand local agencies' roles, community assets and needs, substance use trends, prevention efforts, and system gaps.

O: Optimize Capacity

OFRs increase the community's overall capacity to prevent future overdose deaths by leveraging resources from multiple agencies to increase system-level response.

S: Shared Accountability

OFRs continually monitor local substance use and overdose death data as well as recommendation implementation activities.

How can I be involved?

- [Share your thoughts and input](#) as the OFR is being developed.
- [Join the NM OFR as a panelist](#).
- [Connect our project team to others in your network](#) who might want to contribute.

Contact information:

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Kayla Romero, Overdose Prevention Evaluator: KaylaA.Romero@doh.nm.gov

Sub-Committee Reports (ASUM, CASC, NASC)

CASC Update by Monica Miura

- At the most recent CASC meeting there was a presentation on Juvenile Justice by Tom Swisstack, as well as a presentation by Alex Murillo from CYFD presenting on Youth Shelters around NM.
- SB 3 recently had a planning meeting in ABQ which both Monica and Dr. Ross were able to attend and had the opportunity to learn more about SB 3. Monica was invited to attend as the Child as Adolescent chair representative.

NASC Update by Karmela Martinez

- Karmela shares that the former NASC co-chair Carmela Quitugua has had to move onto another position closer to her home of Acoma, therefore NASC is currently in the process of finding a new co-chair. In the meantime, Cabinet Secretary Josett Monette will serve as an interim Co-Chair for the NASC.
- NASC is currently working on developing strong recommendation processes as well as going over by-laws.
- NASC has been talking about meeting structure and how things will work with voting members/ non-voting members as well as ensuring that the NASC Meeting dates and times are posted in the proper timeframe to the IAD website as well as on any public forms requested.
- At the recent NASC meeting the group also broke out into workgroups to discuss recommendations as well as to talk about the meeting structure- bringing back to the group what everyone is wanting to see the NASC look like and who the voting members should be made up of.
- The NASC meetings are now on a Quarterly basis.
- The NASC minutes as well as meeting links will be posted on the IAD website for the public to be able to overview as well as attend the public meetings.
- The next NASC meeting will be held in Feb.

IAD website:

<https://www.iad.nm.gov/programs/behavioral-health-and-suicide-prevention/>

ASUM Update by Paul Jenkins

- The ASUM is still in the information gathering stage of their recommendation process. Paul shares that one of the recommendations ASUM is working around currently is the barrier around access to MAT.

MAC update

- No MAC update currently.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:04am